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United States District Court
STATE AND DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

JOHN LEE BARTEL

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Case Number:

MS-11-185 JLG

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about April 20, 2011, in Ramsey County, in the State and District of Minnesota, defendant knowingly and intentionally

possessed a firearm, specifically a Steyr .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number 002687, after having been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year,

in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g).

I further state that I am a(n) Special Agent and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: ☒ Yes ☐ No

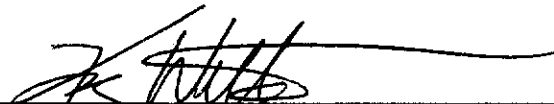
Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence,

5/5/11 at

Date

The Honorable Jeanne J. Graham
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Name & Title of Judicial Officer



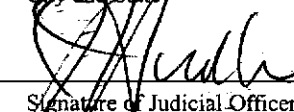
Signature of Complainant

Kylie Williamson

ATF

St. Paul, MN

City and State



Signature of Judicial Officer

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss. **AFFIDAVIT OF KYLIE M. WILLIAMSON**
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

I, Kylie M. Williamson, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and have been so employed since August 2007. I was employed by ATF for two years prior to that as an Industry Operations Investigator. I am currently assigned to Saint Paul Group I and work with various law enforcement agencies and drug task forces throughout the State of Minnesota. My duties and responsibilities include conducting criminal investigations of individuals and organizations for possible violations of Federal laws, particularly those found in Titles 18, 21, and 26. I have participated in numerous investigations which resulted in the arrests, searches, seizures, and convictions of individuals.

2. This Affidavit is submitted in support of a Complaint against JOHN LEE BARTEL charging him with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g). The facts set forth in this Affidavit are based on my review of reports, my personal investigation, and discussions I have had with other law enforcement personnel.

3. On March 30, 2011, C.R.T. reported to the Hastings, Minnesota, Police Department that her apartment had been burglarized and that a gun was missing. C.R.T. reported that the gun was a Steyr .40 caliber firearm bearing serial number 002687.

C.R.T. reported that immediately prior to discovering the burglary, she had arrived at her apartment complex and seen BARTEL leaving the complex in a white Yukon. The woman indicated to law enforcement that BARTEL was an acquaintance.

4. As part of the burglary investigation, law enforcement interviewed BARTEL on April 8, 2011. BARTEL denied any knowledge of the burglary and denied that he had taken anything from the residence.

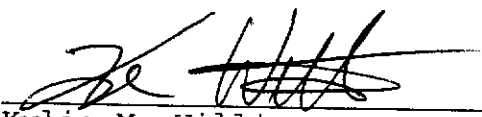
5. On April 20, 2011, officers with the St. Paul Police Department saw BARTEL driving a white Yukon. The officers knew that BARTEL's driver's license was revoked. Officers began to follow BARTEL, who began driving erratically. Officers activated their lights/sirens in order to effect a traffic stop. BARTEL refused to stop and fled in his car, winding through the streets of St. Paul's East side at high rates of speed.

6. The chase ended when BARTEL drove his car off the road and crashed into a ravine, where the Yukon became stuck. Officers saw BARTEL crawl out of the front passenger window. Officers saw that BARTEL was holding something in his right hand. Officers ordered BARTEL to stop, but he ignored their commands. Officers saw BARTEL drop something from his right hand near the front of the stuck Yukon before he took off running. Officers eventually caught up to BARTEL, who then began a physical altercation. Officers had to use a taser to subdue BARTEL.

7. When officers returned to the location where BARTEL had crashed the white Yukon, they located a gun near the front of the car. This was the location where officers had seen BARTEL drop something before he took off running. The gun was the Steyr .40 caliber firearm bearing serial number 002687 that C.R.T. reported had been stolen from her apartment in Hastings on March 30, 2011.

8. Prior to March 30, 2011, BARTEL was a multi-convicted felon who was prohibited from possessing firearms. By way of example only, BARTEL had been convicted of the following felony offences in Ramsey County on or about the dates indicated: (1) Theft of Motor Vehicle (2003); (2) Burglary (2003); (3) Theft of Motor Vehicle (2005); and (4) Fleeing Police in a Motor Vehicle (2007).

9. Steyr is the manufacturer of the .40 caliber gun stolen in Hastings and found in front of BARTEL's crashed Yukon. Steyr does not manufacture firearms in the State of Minnesota. Accordingly, the gun necessarily traveled in or affected interstate commerce to have been found in Minnesota on April 20, 2011.


Kylie M. Williamson
Special Agent, ATF

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 5th day of May, 2011.


JEANNE J. GRAHAM
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE